A.D.1658. informant, he ſaid he was to go to ſome friends in Southwark, before he was to come to the Bell as aforeſaid; and ſaid, he had been up and down all this day to acquaint his friends with the deſign of this night's riſing. And this informant ſaith, the ſaid Cane was with him four or five days ago, and told him, he ſhould ſee ſuch a ſight in London, that he had not ſeen a good while before; and when it was to be executed, would come and acquaint him with it. And in diſcourſe this day, he bid this informant fear nothing; for this night they ſhould be able to do their work, and bring them now under, that kept them under ſo all this while; and ſaid they ſhould have gold and ſilver enough to-morrow eleven of the clock, for they would plunder all the goldſmiths ſhops in London. And alſo promiſed this informant four months pay, which he ſaid he ſhould have in hand; and alſo ſaid, though he could not prefer him at preſent as he deſired, yet he ſhould have a halbert, and better preferment after. And further ſaid, when they had routed that party in the city, there would be few apprentices, journeymen, and others, that he doubted not, but that they ſhould have forty thouſand in 24 hours; and bid him not fail, but to be at the Bell aforeſaid, before nine rather than after, and to inquire for Mr. Roberts inſtead of his name; becauſe, he ſaid, upon ſuch a deſign, they muſt take any name.

JOHN HALLEMAN.

Letter from Marcus Mom.

London Tower, the 15th of May, 1658.

Vol. lix. p. 233. MUCH beloved father, greeting. I have received your acceptable of the 17th current, which in this cannot be anſwered, becauſe the preſent condition wherein I am will not permit it, which (to inform you of it) is, that I do not follow here a ſuit in law upon account of captain Govert Tyſſen, who was owner of the tobacco that you ſent, againſt one Thomas Couwell, who had made ſeizure on the ſaid goods by letters of marque, all which I have defended, and gotten the goods free; and having ſince diſpoſed of the ſaid goods, I arreſted the ſaid Thomas Couwell, and intended an action of damage and expences againſt him; which ſuit having won, and being ordained, that he ſhould give me 150l. ſterling for the damage and charges, I got an execution againſt him for the ſaid moneys; and becauſe I have purſued the ſaid ſuit ſomething hard, he often threatened to be the death of me, yea to make me come to the gallows, which I do not fear. In fine, ſeeing he could revenge himſelf with no other action againſt me, hath made a declaration, that I ſhould have offended the protector and his counſel with injurious words, and held correſpondence with the enemies of this ſtate; which the ſaid Thomas Couwell hath ſworn abſolutely againſt me. Whereupon, laſt ſaturday morning very early, I have been (though unguilty) taken by ſoldiers out of my bed, and led priſoner into the Tower; wherein it is very eaſy to come into, but very hard to get out. Therefore I beſeech you, that you would be pleaſed to go with the firſt occaſion to the Hague, and to make it known to the embaſſador Nieuport, and to intreat him to ſend a letter of recommendation to his ſecretary Crooke being here, or elſe to Mr. Strickland, who is here one of the council of ſtate, and hath great favour, that I only may be heard with my witneſſes; for I am unguilty, and that which is declared, is but of pure malice againſt me. I intreat you to uſe all diligence to get recommendation; for the long being here, is of great charges; in the mean time, many friends uſe all diligence to help me out. So I recommend me to your good fatherly care; and commit you to the protection of the Almighty.

Subſcribitur,

MARCUS MOM.

Agreeth with its original, written in Low-Dutch, and tranſlated by me, tranſlator of the high and mighty lords the ſtates general of theſe United Provinces; *in fidem cujus ſignavi*,

G. LO CORUK.

John Cooke, *&c. to Sir* John Copleſton.

HONORABLE,

Vol. lix. p. 75. IN purſuance of your inſtructions wee ſpeeded to Dorcheſter, where wee came on monday night aboute eight att night, delayinge the time untill then, becauſe wee would avoid obſervation in our cominge; and in order to the concealment of ourſelves, left our ſwords

att Burport. Suddenly after our cominge to Dorcheſter, wee delivered your honor's A.D.1658.
letter to Mr. Buſhrode, who thereupon readily engaged his beſt aſſiſtance; then acquainte-
inge us, that ſome of the Annabaptiſts had beene with the major, (himſelfe and major
Strange being preſent) and deſired to have one of the churches to meete in; which,
after ſome conſideration and debate, hee refuſed to grante them. One tueſday morninge,
a truſty and fitt agent attendinge them, thereby to gett knowledge of the number and
quality of the perſons aſſembled, as alſo what they did, who acquainted us, that the wholl
forenoone was ſpent in receiveinge and readinge certaine letters, (by them ſtyled epiſtles)
which were ſent by the reſpective churches, whoſe meſſengers there mett; whereof there
were many. The inſcription of all which epiſtles was this, viz. An epiſtle from the
church of Church in —— to the meſſengers of the ſeverall churches of Chriſt, who
are now aſſembled att a generall meetinge in Dorcheſter. The ſubject matter of moſt of
them (beſides ſalutations) was to inquire the eſtate of the other churches, and to give an
accounte of there owne; the motive to both beinge the conſideration of the ſeaſon, which
they aſſert to be a time of apoſtaſy and perſecution, wherein the ſufferings of Syon were.
There ſubſcription was under ſuch terms; Subſcribed by your fellow-members and ſufferers
in the body of Chriſt. The regulater of this affaire was one Collier, a clarke, all the while
attendinge and recordinge the ſaid epiſtles. The afternoone was ſpent in prayer, and ſuch
kinde of preachinge as they cuſtomary uſe; wherein there were eight employed that little
time. In there prayer all of them much complained of the bonds and ſufferings of the
ſaints; ſome callinge itt the time of Syon's affliction, wherein thoſe that have beene glo-
rious lights on the right and left hand, are ſhutt up in bonds; vehemently prayinge, that
in order to there deliverance, God would put a hooke into the noſtrills of, and deſtroy
him, who is the enemy of God and his people. In both theſe meetinges there were about
three hundred perſons. The ſame afternoone came captain Kiffin, captain Deane, one
of the treaſurers at warr, Mr. Warren, Mr. Harriſon, and ſix more from London, to
attend this meetinge.

Wenſday in the forenoone the like or a greater number mett in the ſame place againe;
and after prayer, performed by captaine Kiffin, many epiſtles (ſo called) were preſented
and read under the ſame inſcription, and of like ſubſtance with thoſe of the day before.
The remainder of the time then, as alſo the afternoone, was ſpent in anſwering certain
queſtions, viz.

1. Whither one of theſe church-members, beinge poore, might lawfully ſeeke after
and receive reliefe from the world?

2. Whither a church-member might lawfully marry with an unbeleever?

3. Whither a teacher might preach and preſſe ſuch truthes (not being fundamental) on
his hearers, as appearinge ſoe to him, are yet not generally received for ſuch by the
churches in generall?

4. What is to be underſtood by anointinge with oyle, mentioned in the epiſtle of
James, &c. whither itt were materiall oyle they anointed with, and whither ſuch unction
be now in uſe?

5. Whither layinge on of hands bee nowr equiſſitt to be uſed?

The debate about theſe queſtions was very greate, and the anſwers at laſt reſolved ſoe
empty, as not worth reciteinge. All that was donne beſides, was the propoſall of a little
manuſcript they had got printed, intituled, Sertaine queſtions and anſwers propoſed and
anſwered att fower generall meetings; two whereof were to bee ſent to each church,
who ſent there meſſengers thither: the contents whereof I could not underſtand. That
afternoone one John Cary, captaine Vernon, and adjutant Allen came to town. Att
night there was a private meetinge in the George, where many of the principle ones
were; and amongſt other thinges there debated, a greate conteſt ariſe aboute there joyne-
inge with the fifth-monarchy-men; but for that time not concluded, by reaſon of captaine
Kiffin's oppoſeing itt.

Thurſday morneinge, a little after eight of the clocke, there mett att the George-inn
all the grandees, with the paſtors and teachers only, where (the doore beinge cloſe ſhutt,
and all reſort of others denied untill two in the afternoone) they ſate cloſe in debate; but
whither about the fifth-monarchy-buſines, (broke off the night before) or what elſe,
could not learne. All the day their publique meetinge in the accuſtomed place was car-
ried on and managed in prayinge and ſpeakinge as before; but att eveninge, another cloſe
meetinge was held; to what purpoſe alſo, unknowne.

Friday morninge they mett againe in the accuſtomed place, the forenoone, in prayer.

In the cloſe of theſe meetinge it was publiſhed, that the meſſengers of the churches
were deſired to meete att the ſame chamber they mett in the night before, to receive an
accounte of the reſult of the generall meetinge, to communicate to the ſeverall churches
from whom they came, and to receive information of the day and place appointed for the
next generall meetinges; but what their concluſions were, or the day and place aſſigned

for

A.D.1651. for the next meetinge, wee could not learne. This donne, the company diſperſed to there reſpective homes. We are

Your Honour's and the commonwealth's

faithfull and moſt humble ſervants,

15. May, 1658.

John Cooke,
Daniel Cary,
George Forde.

The principall perſons at this meetinge were theſe under;

Mr. John Cary.
Adjutante Allen,
Captaine Vernon.
Lond^n. Captaine Deane, one of the treaſurers at warr.
Captaine Kiffin.
Mr. Warren.
Mr. Harriſon.
Mr. Collier of Wells.
Mr. Strange of Barneſtaple.
Mr. Sheires of Plimouth.
Mr. Mercer of Bridgewater.
Mr. Glaſſe of Bovey-Tracy.
Mr. Hitch of Lime.

The names of the other wee could not get.

Colonel Barkſtead, *lieutenant of the* Tower, *to ſecretary* Thurloe.

Right Honourable,

Vol. lix. p. 101.

SUMNER and Fryer are here; Harriſon is certaynely noe houſe-keeper in or neare Alderſgate, and ſoe cannot be heard off; only the party, that I ſent for him, apprehended four genteele fellowes, in a deſperate malignant ale-houſe, which can give noe good account of their being together at that tyme, or how they live otherwiſe. Somerton hath not layne at his houſe theſe five or ſix dayes, but they expect him to-morrow, whom I ſhall look after. There are ſoe many of the Carletons, and having not his chriſtian name or place of abode, I know not which to apprehend. Major Cane, againſt whom the information of John Halleman was, (which I ſent the laſt night incloſed to his highnes) I apprehended at the tyme and place as in the information. Soe ſoon as I ſaw him, I knew him: he was a major in the late king's army; and after they were beaten out of the field, ſerved in Wallingford; and was accounted, both by myſelfe and others, one of the ſtouteſt officers of that garriſon. He had planted himſelfe in the midſt of the butchers at Algate, at a cooke's ſhop, where he had layne for three monethes by-paſt. There were two other taken with him: had it not byn for the beating up of the drummes, and allarum in the city, they had byn a greater number. There are ſeverall others taken up in the ſtreets, by my petrolls, which I have not yet had tyme to examine. As for horſe, in all that part of the towne, there were very few innes; and all places being ſtrictly examined, they found not above forty, which were moſt of them carr-horſe. Soe farre as I am able to judge, their reſolution was to horſe themſelves where they could take them by force, as to their greater number. I ſhall not faile to wayte upon you to-morrow; only I thought it my duty to give this to you at preſent, from

Your moſt affectionate friend,

and hearty ſervant,

May 16. 1658. Jo. Barkstead.

Some boxes of piſtolles, which were ſeiſed upon by ſome of my men, whilſt they ſent for a ſtronger guard to fetch them off, they were forced from them by a party ſtronger then they ſent from Paul's.

A letter

A letter of intelligence.

A.D.1658.

SIR, Hague, May 28. [1658. N. S.]

SINCE my laſt, which was the firſt I ever had the honor to addreſs from theſe parts, according to directions, I returned to the Hague, to reſolve on ſome buiſineſs, and Vol. lix. p. 117.
Charles Stuart
receive new inſtructions; the former not ſufficient for future reſolves, 625 reſolving, the
Franckford;
latter end of this weeke, or the beginning of next, for 70 147 31; 121 71 128 147
Sidney Stocale,
161; and giving ſome paſſes to one 154 91 54, 122 190 155 162 129 47 92 107
elect. Brand. Ch. Stew. Ormond,
61, and others, for the ſervice of 663. 625 takes very few with him; 629, my lord
Gerard,
77 63, 149 33 150 57, and ſome few. I am deſigned yet to goe in the place of
ſecretary Nicholas, where I
157 64 51 151, 65 549 552 463 292 419 159 599 95, ſhal be able to doe you no
O Neale Bruſſels England;
inconſiderable ſervice. Sunday laſt was ſeavenighte 485 320 422 came to 638 from 667.
Ormond is come Bruſſels. Sunday laſt Ch. Stew. D. York, D. Gloceſter, Prſs. Roy. his ſon, and Ho-
629 404 293 to 638. 545 303 420, 625, 626 627, 623, 882 382, 545 239 383
court did dine the burghers of Bruſſels: all
quin 297 151 163 310 309 460 with 554 277 148 363 143 157 481 638: 231.
at another table
251 489 549 276 110 were very highlie received, and with much ceremony; ſtay'd till
about 8 of the clock. Monday laſt don John, and the marquis
214 8 481 554. 51 112 130 52 100, 68 451 123 303 420 628 239 554
Caracena, marched to the army. On tueſday prince Condé, D. York,
438, 151 quis 283 518 289 67 445 329 563 554 246. 484 tues 303 624, 626,
D. Glouceſter, and Ho- court on wedneſday. All make fourteen thouſand
627 239, 383 quin 297 151 163 484 484 177, 62 123 159 303 231 443 554
horſe. They have but 5 or 6 thouſand foot.
552 560 560 383. 149 146 66 554 y 778 279 5 or 6 560 353 552. Moſt of the
D. Glouceſter's men are loſt. Ormond's ſeven hundred; Ch. Stu. as many. They are ſaid
627 447 241 431. 629 regiment conſiſts of 7 387; 625 249 441. 594 190 245
to be four thouſand Dunkirk.
61 534 305 563 266 4 560 in 635. But of this, and what elſe that happen, I ſhall certainely give you an account by the next poſte; by which you ſhal be confirmed, that I am,

SIR,

Your unfaigned, aſſeured freind and ſervant,

WILLIAM BROWNE.

Culpepper Holland.
650 is in North 677. I ſhal know hereafter his imployment. The next you ſhall
Bruſſells.
receive from 638.

The Superſcription.

A Monſieur Monſieur Thomas Plampin, *à la* Roſe-blanche *en* Bredſtreete, London.

Captain Stoakes *to ſecretary* Thurloe.

RIGHT HONORABLE,

IN my laſt from Furmitora I gave a full relation of the ſtatt of the ſquadron, and of what had paſſed att Leagorne, and my intention in plying towards Cadiz, in hopes to meet with the victuallers; ſince which time I have ranged all the coaſt of Spaine as farre as Malaga, where the laſt of Aprill wee ſurprized a Spaniſh man of warre of 24 gunes and 120 men, which had his ſtation att Gibralter, in the mouth of the ſtraites, and had done much hurt; and (in all probability) would have done much more, if not timely taken off. The windes proveing verey boyſtrous att weſt, I was by noe means able to gett out of the ſtraites, although I endeavored many dayes; and was the more earneſte, by reaſon of the intiligence I had from the captaine I tooke, and from a Holander whoe came lattly out of Cadiz, that the Spaniſh fleet are in the bay of Cadiz, reedy to ſaill for the Indes; 38 or 40 ſaill in all: 17 of them are to convoy the Indes men as farre as the Canaryes, and then to returne to Naples. One of there beſt men of Vol. lix. p. 103.